

Litigation Hold FAQ

- Q. I was trying to update my beneficiaries or apply for a loan online, and I received a message that there is a litigation hold on my account. Why is there a litigation hold on my account?**
- A. In most cases, a litigation hold on your account indicates that BERS has either received a Domestic Relations Order (DRO) in connection with your accounts, or has received notice that a DRO may be pending. A DRO is a court order issued during a divorce proceeding, which requires the retirement system to take certain steps. If your account is marked with a litigation hold, then you will not be able to update your beneficiaries or apply for a loan using the online Member Self-Service (MSS) portal. Instead, you will need to complete a Designation of Beneficiary or Loan Application form and submit it to BERS. If you are unsure why there is a litigation hold on your account, you may email BERS for more information.